

ABSTRACT

THESIS: The Implications Identity Construction and Self Identification Can Have In a Borderland Region of Transylvania, Romania.

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Ghimes-Faget, Transylvania, Romania is a complex region where ethnic identity is not clear. The area has been going through a continuing process of change. In the past century, history has been an important aspect in the daily lives of the residing individuals. With the constant changes in history, this has impacted ethnic identity in the region. This region is posed to be “the Csango” region in Transylvania and continues to increase in tourism. However, when examined in detail of how people in Ghimes-Faget ethnically identify themselves, a number of factors influence their decision. This thesis will examine the factors and the elements that I have found to be essential when discussing ethnic identity in the Ghimes region. I will provide examples from field research that was conducted in Ghimes-Faget in the summer of 2008.